By the present Preliminary Amendment, the Abstract has been replaced by

**REMARKS** 

one in a form more in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b) and

MPEP §608.01(b), and all multiple dependency has been eliminated from the original

claims. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic

purposes and not with regard to patentability and that applicants reserve the right to

pursue claims directed to other aspects of the invention encompassed by the original

multiple dependent claims or described in the specification.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on

the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application,

the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract: